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SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA ON VISIT OF IVOR RICHARD AND RHODESIA-
JANUARY 6

1. SUMMARY: RICHARD VISIT IS ACCORDED FRONT PAGE TREATMENT.
UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN NOTICIAS THROWS COLD WATER ON
RICHARD VISIT, CASTIGATES ZUPO AND CRITICIZES ZIMBABWEAN
DEVELOPMENT FUND. ZIPA BROADCAST CONDEMNS UK AND ISSUES SET
OF ULTIMATA TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

2. RICHARD VISIT. THE JANUARY 5 ARRIVAL IN MAPUTO OF BRITISH
ENVOY IVOR RICHARD RECEIVED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN JANUARY
6 NOTICAS. DURING INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL NEWSMEN, RICHARD
SAID THAT "IN GENERAL" SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN HIS
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM AND
THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS DISPOSED TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE
ROLE IN RHODESIA TO GUARANTEE THAT THE DECOLONIZATION OF THE
COUNTRY WAS "EFFECTIVE AND IRREVERSIBLE." RICHARD CALLED
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ATTENTION TO THE UNITY BEING SHOWN BY THE NATIONALISTS, SAYING
THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAD EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN DIFFERENT WAYS
IN GENEVA, THEY ALL HAD THE SAME OBJECTIVE -- INDEPENDENCE
FOR ZIMBABWE. HOWEVER, RICHARD WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF THERE
WERE GREATER UNITY "IT WOULD BE EASIER TO NEGOTIATE THIS
DIFFICULT PROBLEM." ON HIS TALKS WITH RHODESIAN PRIME
MINISTER SMITH, RICHARD SAID HE COULD NOT GO INTO THE DETAILS

OF THEIR CONVERSATION BUT THAT IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT
"SMITH IS NOT AT ALL FAVORABLE TO A BRITISH PRESENCE IN THE
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT."

3. EDMONDSON VISIT. SAME FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL
OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMONDSON. EDMONDSON WAS
QUOTED BY NEWSMEN AS SAYING THAT HIS VISIT TO MAPUTO WAS
"TO DEMONSTRATE AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE MISSION OF RICHARD"
AND THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY "MAJOR CHANGES IN AMERICAN
POLICY IN RELATION TO THE PROBLEM OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA" AS A
RESULT OF THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH
HE ADMITTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE "SOME DIFFERENCES IN
TECHNIQUE OR STYLE AS A RESULT OF DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES."

4. NOTICIAS EDITORIAL. CENTER PAGE OF NOTICIAS CARRIED
UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ENTITLED "CONTRADICTORY MANEUVERS AROUND
RHODESIA." EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT "HAVING BEEN ASSURED
OF THE SUPPORT OF THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
PLAN DRAWN UP BY KISSINGER FOR A SOLUTION TO SAFEGUARD THE
INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM, IVOR RICHARD IS
PRESENTLY MAKING VARIOUS SOUNDINGS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA"
ON A NEW SET OF BRITISH PROPOSALS. EDITORIAL CLAIMS SMITH
IS OPPOSED TO THE RICHARD PROPOSALS BECAUSE HE WOULD
HAVE TO RELINQUISH CONTROL OF THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES.
IN AN EFFORT TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS,
THE EDITORIAL ALLEGES THAT SMITH HAS COLLABORATED IN THE
FORMATION OF A NEW BLACK PARTY (ZUPO) COMPOSED OF "PUPPETS,
TRAITORS AND TRIBALISTS." IT IS SMITH'S INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE
WITH ZUPO ON THE BASIS OF THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS IF THE GENEVA
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CONFERENCE FALTERS. EDITORIAL ALSO ATTACKS THE ZIMBABWE
DEVELOPMENT FUND AS AN IMPERIALIST TACTIC TO "REINFORCE THE
CAPITALIST ECONOMIC STRUCTURE" IN RHODESIA AND ACCUSES DEPUTY
SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLIAM ROBERS OF EXHORTING
AMERICAN CAPITALIST "TO INVEST IN FORCE" IN RHODESIA AS SOON
AS A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT
ALTHOUGH "IMPERIALISTS" (U.S. AND UK) AND "RACISTS" (RHODESIANS)
ARE CURRENTLY PURSUING TWO DIFFERENT STRATEGIES, THEIR
ULTIMATE AIMS ARE THE SAME: "TO GUARANTEE THE EXPLOITATION
OF MAN BY MAN" IN RHODESIA AND TO INSURE THAT COUNTRY REMAINS
A "BOURGEOIS CLIENT OF IMPERIALISM".

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5. ZIPA BROADCAST. BACK PAGE OF NOTICIAS CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM JANUARY 5 ZIPA BROADCAST WHICH APPEALED TO THE BRITISH TO STOP ACTING AS AN ARBITRATOR BETWEEN ZIPA AND IAN SMITH AND TO THROW ITS SUPPORT BEHIND ZIPA. BROADCAST ALSO FLATLY REJECTED STATEMENT MADE BY BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN IN WHICH HE SAID RHODESIA HAD NOT BEEN A BRITISH COLONY FOR MANY YEARS. BROADCAST DECLARED THAT IF BRITAIN INTENDS TO PLAY ANY MEANINGFUL ROLE IN THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN RHODESIA IT "MUST ACCEPT" THE FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS:

A. "GREAT BRITAIN MUST STOP TREATING SMITH AS A RESPONSIBLE POLITICIAN. HE IS AN ASSASSIN OF THE MASSES, AND MUST BE TREATED AS SUCH."

B. "GREAT BRITAIN MUST STOP MANEUVERING TO CREATE A PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE TO SAFEGUARD IMPERIALISTS INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

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C. "GREAT BRITAIN MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO BRING TO AN END THE FURNISHING OF ENGLISH MERCENARIES AND ARMS TO THE SMITH REGIME, INCLUDING THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA."

D. "GREAT BRITAIN MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO MAKE ITS PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION STOP DISSEMINATING LIES AND

SLANDER AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND ZIPA. THESE LIES
AND SLANDER ARE FURNISHED BY MEANS OF BRITISH INFORMATION
FOR THE ILLEGAL RACIST REGIME..." ZIPA BROADCAST CONCLUDED
BY DENOUNCING BRITISH AND AMERICAN EFFORTS TO
ESTABLISH A PUPPET REGIME IN SALISBURY AND SAYING THAT ZIPA
WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO OPPOSE THIS MANEUVER.
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